

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 11, 2009
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Sue Dickenson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 458, HB 463, 2/6/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 458

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:28 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 458, Repeal term limits.

EXHIBIT(sth32a01)

00:02:36 Rep. Wilmer and Rep. Hands entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:03 Kate Cholewa, Montana Common Cause

00:11:07 Gordon Morris, Self

00:12:53 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:14 Travis Butcher, Montanans' for Eight Year Term Limits

00:18:48 Robert Snyder, Self

00:19:58 William Biernat, Self

00:22:18 Jeremy Hofer, Self

00:22:46 Bob Adney, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:24 Rep. Phillips

00:26:03 Rep. Cohenour

00:27:50 Rep. Hands

00:28:53 Rep. Cohenour

00:30:41 Rep. Hands

00:32:09 Rep. Cohenour

00:33:43 Rep. Wilmer

00:34:12 Rep. Cohenour

00:34:47 Rep. Wilmer

00:35:38 Ms. Cholewa

00:35:41 Rep. Wilmer

00:36:02 Ms. Cholewa

00:36:43 Rep. Wilmer

00:37:01 Ms. Cholewa

00:37:07 Rep. Wilmer

00:37:23 Rep. Boniek

00:38:04 Mr. Adney
00:38:50 Rep. Dickenson
00:39:11 Mr. Butcher
00:39:46 Rep. Dickenson
00:40:06 Mr. Butcher
00:40:35 Rep. Dickenson
00:40:42 Mr. Butcher
00:41:19 Rep. Van Dyk
00:42:03 Mr. Butcher
00:42:30 Rep. Van Dyk
00:42:47 Mr. Butcher
00:43:12 Chairman Himmelberger
00:44:49 Mr. Biernat
00:46:01 Chairman Himmelberger
00:46:24 Mr. Biernat
00:46:46 Chairman Himmelberger
00:47:50 Mr. Biernat
00:48:02 Chairman Himmelberger
00:48:09 Rep. Phillips
00:48:40 Mr. Biernat
00:49:53 Rep. Hendrick
00:51:11 Mr. Biernat
00:51:15 Rep. Hendrick
00:51:18 Mr. Biernat
00:51:50 Rep. Hendrick
00:52:13 Mr. Biernat
00:52:46 Rep. Hands
00:54:25 Chairman Himmelberger
00:54:30 Mr. Biernat
00:54:32 Rep. Hands
00:54:35 Mr. Biernat
00:55:02 Chairman Himmelberger
00:56:00 Mr. Butcher
00:57:49 Chairman Himmelberger
00:58:06 Mr. Butcher
00:58:37 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:41 Rep. Cohenour
01:03:57 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON HB 463

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:19 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 463, Teacher retirement creditable service for active military duty.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:24 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:09:14 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Representative,
American Legion
01:09:53 Dan Antonietti, State Director, Veterans of Foreign
Wars Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:44 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement
System

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:38 Rep. Dickenson
01:15:17 Mr. Senn
01:17:07 Rep. Dickenson
01:17:39 Mr. Senn
01:17:50 Rep. Brown
01:18:43 Rep. French
01:19:57 Rep. Brown
01:20:46 Col. Jacobsen
01:20:55 Rep. Brown
01:20:58 Rep. Phillips
01:21:18 Col. Jacobsen
01:21:23 Rep. Phillips
01:21:37 Mr. Senn
01:21:45 Rep. Boniek
01:22:03 Mr. Feaver
01:22:49 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:54 Rep. French
01:24:06 Chairman Himmelberger
01:24:15 Rep. Van Dyk
01:25:09 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

01:25:13 Adjournment: 10:25 a.m.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth32aad.pdf](#))